

Gossip Of the Pugilists; Sidelights On the Battlers

By T. S. Andrews

MILWAUKEE, Wis., June 25.—To say that sporting men and business men as well, were disgusted at the action of Gov. Gillett of California, in issuing orders to stop the hunt between Jeffries and Johnson on July 4, is putting it mildly. Business men, who ordinarily would not take much interest in such affairs, seem to be worked up in this case and do not hesitate to say that they are much surprised and disappointed in Gov. Gillett. Had he taken such a stand two or three months ago, when there was talk of holding it in San Francisco or California, or even announced his opposition to it after the statement that it would be held in "Frisco," there would not be any chance of criticism; but he did nothing of the kind, and permitted the promoters to spend thousands of dollars in building a new arena and advertising the same. Not only that, but he gave out the statement in New York and again in Chicago that there would be no interference whatever and that the contest would be held as advertised.

Even admitting that there was a law against it and that it was all wrong, there is no excuse for Gov. Gillett's action at the eleventh hour, as in this case. It is not sporting men who are interested in the big affair, but business men who take an interest in it—and they are the ones who pay for the privilege of witnessing the contest. It is not a tough element that will see the big mill, but the best business men of the country. Recently Bolton Hall, a prominent lawyer and author of New York, son of the late Rev. Dr. John Hall, said: "It certainly makes one indignant that these church people and reformers spend their time and energy in trying to stop a harmless fight between two men, while in every big city young girls are snatched away and ruined and put into lives of slavery or worked to death in sweatshops. Let the reformers stop these evils and they will be doing some good. Instead of trying to stop a so-called prize fight that can do no harm."

"When there is a chance to go after such evils and save young girls from ruin you will find these reformers trying to close saloons on Sunday or stop an alleged fight." Mr. Hall's sentiments are voiced by liberal minded ministers in the east—not all of them—but what they can see the writing on the wall. Take 50 of your would-be reformers and you will find more downright hypocrites among them than among 500 true sporting men. It is hinted that Gov. Gillett was prompted in his action by advice from Washington that it would interfere with the securing of the Panama exposition for San Francisco when the big canal is completed. Gov. Gillett later denied the report. There is no reason why the officials at Washington should bring such things to bear on "Frisco" and the chances are that no such proposition ever came up. At that the people of Colon and Panama would prefer to have the exposition at New Orleans, as it is nearer home for them.

The old, old story enters in the argument once more. In days gone by, back in the '50s and '60s, when bare knuckle fights were held on the green to a finish, they were prize fights, pure and simple. Now limited round bouts with big gloves are up and are not half so hard nor brutal as foot-ball, but the old prejudice against the old prize fight sticks, and it is a hard matter to make people understand the difference. The fact that boxing contests in all the big cities are attended

by the best business men of the town should be enough to convince some of the skeptics that there is no more harm, even from a moral standpoint or otherwise, than other forms of sport. As a prominent soldier remarked recently: "When you take away all the manly sports that bring out a man's courage, etc., you destroy the backbone of your country, for instead of having men of courage and strength you have a bunch of weaklings and sissy boys."

Another Wisconsin boy is making a name for himself out on the coast, and like Ad Wolgast, Frankie Conley got his start in Milwaukee. Gene McGovern, the 116 pounder, has been on the coast the past three months and has had a number of fights, winning all of them, his last being with Marty Kane, whom he defeated in 12 rounds. Now Gene has got the favor to advance in his class, and has issued a challenge to any 116 pounder in the world, including Monte Attell, Frankie Conley and Jimmy Walsh.

New Orleans wants a law that will permit longer boxing bouts. They want 20 round bouts and may get them before the present legislature adjourns. "Frisco" is after the Panama exposition. Wouldn't it be rather funny if New Orleans should lose the expo., but get the 20 round bouts and "Frisco" lose the long fights and land the expo?

The 10 round no decision contest between Ad Wolgast, the world's champion lightweight, and Jack Redmond, the Milwaukee 133 pounder, before the Badger Athletic club at Milwaukee last week, did not help the reputation of either fighter. For the latter carried Wolgast should injure his arm in the bout, but no great damage was done, except to incapacitate him for the time being. Had there been no accident to Wolgast there is some doubt as to whether he would have been able to stop Redmond, for the latter carried the fight to the champion from the call of time and was in far better condition to go the 10 rounds than Wolgast. The latter came over from his Michigan farm in poor shape and that is where he made a mistake, for it lost him many friends in Milwaukee, the town where he got his start.

Redmond fought poorly; in fact, worse than he ever showed before in Milwaukee, but this was accounted for in part through his over-anxiety to win and again to the fact that he had stopped a hard swing to the chin in the first round. It was fortunate that Wolgast was not hurt, for if he had been, the chances are that the champion would have experienced the sensation of a knockout, for he was almost helpless at several periods in the contest and a good blow delivered to the jaw would have done the business. Wolgast showed his cleverness by being able to shift his head so that Redmond could not get in a decisive blow, but at that he did not show the form expected. Ad will have to get in far better shape if he intends to fight Rattling Nelson again, for if he does not the ex-champion will reign once more. Packey McFarland and Freddy Welsh, too, would make it very interesting for Wolgast and if either one meets the champion it will not be a sure win for the Michigan lad by any means. Auto driving and boxing do not go well in hand. Wolgast received \$2100 for his end of 10 rounds, which was more than he deserved, considering

his condition and the fight put up by the two boys. Milwaukee has been pretty soft for some of them, but the promoters will not be so easily hoodwinked in the future.

Packey McFarland, the Chicago lightweight, has shown his good sense in remaining abroad and arranging another contest with Freddy Welsh for the championship of Great Britain. The papers in London, with few exceptions, agreed that Packey clearly outpointed Freddy in their last 20 round battle, but received only a draw, and the Chicago boy has made many friends there by coming out and saying that he preferred another bout to any criticism of the referee's decision. As a result, another match has been made, to be fought at Cardiff, Wales, the home of Welsh, and will be for a purse of \$10,000. That will be more than Packey could pick up here during the summer months.

The weight in their last meeting was 133 at 2 o'clock, but as they are fighting for the championship of Great Britain, and as the weight there is 135 pounds, there is no reason why that should not be the weight now. It would suit McFarland much better and send him into the ring in better shape than at 133 at 2 o'clock, which is drawing Packey down pretty fine. Which ever

Is Jeffries the Great Scrapper He Is Cracked Up To Be? Some Dope On Both the Heavyweights

By Horace H. Shelton

As the time of the big fight grows closer, everyone is itching to lay a few dollars on the result. If you are going to back Jeffries, it is just as well to study the big fighter's record just a little and see if he is as dangerous as he is cracked up to be. Fight fans generally seem to have the idea that Jeffries is the most dangerous man that ever stepped into the ring. They talk of his great wallop—that he was such a knock out fighter. This is because Jeffries has been looked upon as an invincible champion by followers of pugilism, who do not stop to investigate his record and see whether his punch was such a dangerous one and who he knocked out.

Jeffries is not the dangerous fighter Bob Fitzsimmons, Joe Choynski and Jim Mac were in their prime. They had the wallops that would knock any fighter out in short order and their fights were generally of that kind. Choynski, the very man who is training Jeffries now, had a terrible punch. Jeffries never showed that he had such a punch. When Jeffries fought Fitzsimmons he was at his best. He could stand a world of punishment and could hit as hard as he ever could in his life, and as hard as he can now. Fitzsimmons was at that time 37 years of age, two years older than Jeff is now. He was not in his prime by any means yet it took Jeffries 11 rounds to finish "Rube" Bob. When Jeff fought Corbett it took him 23 rounds to win, and that was after Corbett had lost the championship and was at his best. Corbett was never considered a hard hitter. He was clever and kept away from Jeffries and stood the gauntlet for that length of time.

Even as late as 1902 Fitzsimmons came back into the ring, and simply cut the champion to ribbons for five

rounds, but could not travel any further at that clip and lost in the eighth. A year later Corbett lasted ten rounds with Jeffries and was only a shadow of his former self. Gus Ruhlin and Joe Choynski got 20 round draws with the champion. If he could hit so terribly hard why did he not knock them out in that time?

Tom Sharkey went 20 rounds on the coast and 25 rounds in New York with Jeffries, the champion failing to knock out Sharkey either time, although he gained each decision. He should have finished Sharkey in at least one of the fights if he had such a trip hammer wallop. People talk about Jeff whipping Munroe in two rounds, but Munroe was the biggest lemon ever put in the ring and any ordinary man could have knocked him out. Don't understand that Jeffries can't hit at all. He has a punch but not the death wallop some claim he has. He has not the punch he had in his prime, despite the fact that the reports from his training camp tell how hard he hits. But training camp reports are getting to be old stories with the fans. Jeffries fought 21 battles, excepting exhibitions, and only knocked out 11 men, some of whom were not top notchers.

No one for a moment thought that the interference of a governor or any one else would really stop the Jeffries-Johnson fight being pulled off July 4 on schedule time. There was already too much money invested in the preparations and too much money at stake as a result to warrant any other conclusion. Where there is money there is a way. It is so all over the world. Added to this was the world wide interest in the fight. One preacher recently said: "I hope the fight will be stopped but if it is not, I hope Jeffries will beat the living 'stuffed' out of the

negro." So even the preachers are interested in the outcome. It would be almost in the nature of a world's calamity to prevent the fight and with doors opened here and there, there was never any doubt but what a latch string would be found hanging out. All the trouble has cost Texas Rickard and Gleason a pretty good sized chunk of the coin of the realm but the indications are that they will still come out in the clear.

The fact that Jeffries is not a Fitzsimmons when it comes to hitting shows that Johnson has a chance to travel some distance—if he is game—and the further the battle goes the more chance Johnson has to win, providing of course that the bout is strictly on the level. Don't understand that Johnson is being picked to win. But the truth of Jeffries' prowess in ring battles is being told that enthusiastic fans may not be misled into believing

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THE BERNEYO
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THE BERMUDA CHALLENGE CUP

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Berneyo, Winner of Race to Havana, Is One of the Entrants.

New York, N. Y., June 25.—The annual motor boat race from New York to Bermuda started today at 10 o'clock from off the New York Motor Boat club's station, 147th street and Hudson river.

The *Berneyo*, one of the contestants, is a new vessel, owned by vice commodore Samuel Cochrane, of the Bensonhurst Yacht club, of Gravesend Bay, and is from the designing board of Messrs. Cary Smith & Ferris, of this city.

The *Berneyo* is also a new vessel, and is famous as the winner of the recent Philadelphia to Havana motorboat race of 1125 nautical miles.

The *Yo Ho*, like the others, was built during last winter and spring, and is owned by Henry Douglas Bacon.

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CLIFTON BREAKS INTO THE LEAGUE

Hoping for New Men to Arrive in Time for Sunday's Game.

Clifton, Ariz., June 25.—With the departure of the team for Bisbee, the Clifton fans are feeling a little more confidence. A number have expressed themselves as looking for an even break. Scanlan will be in charge of the local squad, as manager Riley is unable to get away with the boys. While there are still several holes to plug, the fans have been doing all in their power to encourage the boys.

There is barest possibility that the new men will arrive in time for Sunday's game, but it is hardly probable.

UNION TEAM AND FORT BLISS TEAM TO PLAY BALL.

The Union team and the Fort Bliss aggregation of ball tossers will play at Washington park Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Following is the lineup of the teams:

Union—Brush, ss; Webb, 1b; Deiling, cf; Fichtner, c; Oballe, 2b; Keefe, rf; Lane, cf; Armstrong, p; Arnold, 2b; Berkley, substitute.

Fort Bliss—Sorrellsberg, p; Hiles, cf; Brennan, 1b; Thatcher, 2b; Scully, ss; McEubett, 3b; Lundy, lf; White, c; Duncin, rf.

SANDERSON PLAYS MARATHON.

Sanderson, Tex., June 25.—The baseball club will play the Marathon Meteors at Marathon today. A game had been arranged with Alpine, but as several of the players are away from home the game was called off.

that Jeffries will go right through the negro.

The truth of the matter it seems to be that the man who can stand the most punishment and who has got the best wind will win. The fight may go the entire 20 rounds. In case it does Johnson will get the decision for he is a more clever boxer than Jeffries. On the other hand it is possible that Jeffries will have him so badly wounded before that time that he will have to throw up the sponge.

Jeff is going after the negro's bread basket, his weakest point, and one or two stiff wallops in that neighborhood will find Johnson mighty white about the gills.

In this connection it is interesting to note that the purse and other side issues which go to the men who will fight, make it by far and above all the costliest prize fight the world has ever dreamed of before by any fighter and dreamed of before by any fighter and is another indication of the high cost of living.

The purse will total \$221,000, surely attractive enough to bring any two men together. Of that the amounts are divided as follows: The purse of \$100,000 offered by Tex. Rickard, the sale of the moving picture rights of the two men for \$100,000 and a bonus of \$21,000 on the side which was given by Tex. Rickard as an inducement to the two men to sign.

Win or lose, both men will be comfortable the rest of their lives if what they earn on that day is properly invested. Then it must be remembered that practically all of this comes to the fighters clean, there being no dip in from outsiders. The fighters' exhibitions have practically paid their training expenses.

The negroes of Texas are now beginning to manifest great interest in the Jeffries-Johnson contest. The Thirteen club of Galveston, composed of the negro's friends, has forwarded the black champion a huge Texas flag which will drape his corner when the fight comes off. The flag is seven feet long by three and one-half feet wide, composed of three large stripes of red, white and blue, with the five pointed star worked in gold.

In case Johnson does happen to win, it is going to make some Texas negroes very arrogant and within the next year there will be more negroes knocked out, some with baseball bats, and some with even more effective instruments, than will be done up in prizefight rings in the world in the next 20 years.

In that connection it is interesting to know that Johnson fought his first real prize fight in Austin, Tex. This was in 1892 when the big negro cleaned up one known as "Snowball." His real name has long been forgotten by those who witnessed the fight.

His old trainer and sparring partner of those days was Ben F. Felton, now employed as a waiter in an Austin hotel. Felton is full of interesting reminiscences of the big smoke. Discussing the coming fight Ben says: "The only thing that will keep Johnson from whipping Jeffries is for somebody to get up a whole lot of money to make him lay down. Of course Jack is a good fellow but you know how men think."

"Yes, sir, I knowed Jack Johnson. We used to work together on the Malory liner dock. He was always a fighting nigger and got to be the champion of Galveston. Then they got him to come up to Austin and fight 'Snowball.' He put that nigger out in short order. From that time Johnson has been making his livin' a fightin' and I knows dat he loved to scrap."

Ben is now out of the fighting game and says that he will not bet any money on Johnson because he don't know whether or not the nigger has been "fixed."

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